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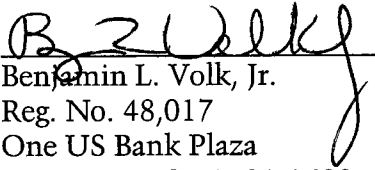
Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. Applicant notes that the Examiner's Amendment dated August 24, 2009 essentially brought limitations from various dependent claims into the independent claims, thereby rendering those dependent claims redundant (or partially redundant). For example, Applicant notes that by virtue of the Examiner's amendment to independent claim 81, dependent claim 82 had been rendered redundant. Therefore, by this amendment, Applicant hereby (1) cancels the dependent claims rendered wholly redundant (e.g., dependent claim 82), (2) amends the dependent claims rendered partially redundant to eliminate the redundancy (e.g., dependent claim 105), and (3) amends the dependency of claims that depend from what are now canceled claims (e.g., amending claim 83 to depend from claim 81 rather than canceled claim 82).

Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments merely embody the correction of formal matters and that the scope of the claims has not been altered by these amendments (as only redundancies have been eliminated). As such, Applicant respectfully submits that no further search or examination is necessary. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment is appropriate under 37 CFR 1.312 as it is responsive to the Examiner's Amendment dated August 24, 2009.

Thus, Applicant has (1) canceled claims 82, 101, 111, and 130 without prejudice, and (2) amended claims 83, 86, 89, 92-96, 99, 102-103, 105, 112, 115, 118, 121-125, 128, 131-132, and 134. Applicant further notes that a typographical error in claim 86 has been corrected. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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